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The Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.  
Chairman  
Committee on the District of Columbia  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman: .

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 1974, expressing your interest with respect to the authority of the Council to enact a broad regulation dealing with condominiums.

The Committee on Housing and Urban Development, which I chair, has scheduled hearings on July 18 and 19, in the Council Chamber on the subject of condominium regulations. We anticipate these hearings will generate considerable comments on regulations proposed by the Mayor-Commissioner as well as some other provisions not included in that draft. These provisions are also areas of concern that I feel should be carefully considered.

First, it may be feasible and necessary in order to reduce the impact of personal hardship to require a percentage of the existing tenants to approve any proposed conversion of a development unit from a rental to a condominium.

Second, there may exist the need to establish a moratorium on condominium conversion in order that the private sector and the government take a closer scrutiny of the housing situation before any long-term regulations are put in place.





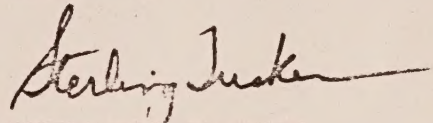
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Thus, we are not exactly sure of what type of regulation the Committee will recommend. However, we would appreciate the broadest degree of authority in order that we may deal with the situation as we may determine necessary. In other words, it appears appropriate that we should have as much authority now on this particular question as we would have on January 2, 1975.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sterling Tucker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STERLING TUCKER  
Vice Chairman



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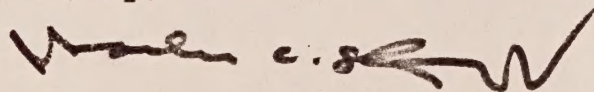
July 1, 1974

Honorable Sterling Tucker  
Vice Chairman  
D. C. City Council  
District Building  
14th & E Streets, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

In connection with the condominium regulations the Mayor has suggested to the City Council, would it be helpful to have Congress consider legislation to broaden the authority of the District so that some features of control now beyond the statutory power of the District could be included in the new regulations?

Sincerely,



CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR.  
Chairman  
Committee on the District of Columbia







JULIUS W. HOBSON  
Councilman at Large

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

October 20, 1975

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Chairman, D.C. Committee  
House of Representatives  
Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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From my experience, it is evident that the recent controversy between the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools did not emanate from a lack of understanding of their relationships. That problem would have been easily solved by referring to one of some 12 definitive studies already written on the subject during the last 10 years. Furthermore, the controversy seems to have been resolved, for the most part, by the Board of Education's actions terminating the superintendent and appointing an acting superintendent.

The Council recognizes the need for clarification of the legal roles of the educational components and, at the request of the Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs, has accepted an offer from the law firm of Arnold and Porter to prepare an analysis for the Council, free of charge, on the legal prerogatives of the Board of Education and the Council in the area of public education.

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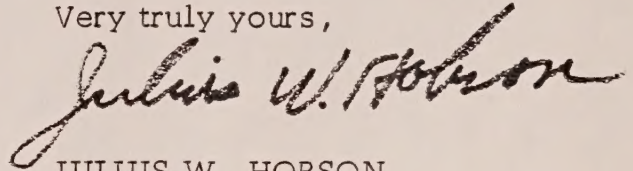




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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Julius W. Hobson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

JULIUS W. HOBSON  
Councilmember -at- Large

cc: All Councilmembers  
All School Board Members



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2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used in the study. It discusses the data collection methods, the sample size, and the statistical analysis used.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. It discusses the findings of the study and their implications for the field of study.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references. The conclusion summarizes the findings of the study and the references list the sources used in the study.



# District of Columbia City Council

## Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W.

Room 507

638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To COUNCIL MEMBERS & LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS  
From ROCKWOOD FOSTER *R.F.F.*  
Date December 13, 1973  
Subject Eisenhower Civic Center

*per letter to  
my long staff*

Attached for your information are two opinions, one from the Corporation Counsel and one from the Board of Elections, relating to the question of holding a referendum on the issuance of bonds for the financing of the proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bicentennial Civic Center.



# Government of the District of Columbia

OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

DISTRICT BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 13, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Rockwood H. Foster  
D.C. City Council

FROM: C. Francis Murphy *C. F. Murphy*  
Corporation Counsel, D.C.

SUBJECT: Proposed referendum relating to  
Eisenhower Civic Center

You requested my views as to whether the District Government has authority to conduct a city-wide referendum on the question of the issuance of bonds for the financing of the proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bicentennial Civic Center.

The statutory authority for conducting elections in the District of Columbia is found in D.C. Code Sec. 1-1101, et seq., 1973 edition. The provisions authorize the election, among others, of Presidential electors, the delegate to the House of Representatives, and members of the Board of Education. However, no authority is included for the holding of referenda of any kind. At one time Congress did specifically permit what might be considered a form of referendum when it allowed ballots to include questions to be answered by voters for party elections in the affirmative or negative regarding matters relating to the conduct of the affairs of their political parties, but the statute was amended by the Act approved December 23, 1971, eliminating the authority to include such questions on future ballots.

Furthermore, the statute authorizing the development of the civic center (Public Law 92-520; 86 Stat. 1019) does not contemplate any approvals except





those required of the Mayor, the City Council, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Fine Arts Commission, and the designated Congressional committees.

Inasmuch as Congress has specified the method of approval of the proposed civic center and there does not exist authority for any city-wide referenda for any purpose, it is my view that the District Government lacks power to conduct a referendum relating to the issuance of bonds for the development of the facility.





# Memorandum • Government of the District of Columbia

TO: Mr. Rockwood Foster  
D. C. City Council

Department, Board of Elections  
Agency, Office:

FROM: Mary S. Rodgers *msR*  
Director, Operations and  
Planning

Date: December 6, 1973

SUBJECT: Referenda

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of December 6, 1973, the following changes have been made in the D. C. Election Law pertaining to referenda:

In the original act approved August 12, 1955, Sec. 8 (c) (2) states, "The Board shall arrange the ballot of each political party so as to enable the voters of such party to answer in the affirmative or negative such questions relating to the conduct of the affairs of such party as the duly authorized local committee of such party may file with the Board in writing Provided, however, That the questions shall be so filed not later than thirty days before the date of the election."

Public Law 92-220, December 23, 1971, amendments to the Election Act deleted all reference to referenda. The Board, therefore, has assumed the position that referenda are no longer permissible on the ballot.

